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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to see the return of our students last week and this week we enter the third and final phase of the COVID-19 Asymptomatic Mass Testing Programme. Once the final phase has been completed, students will be issued with home testing kits for use in coming weeks. Further information about this will be shared with you shortly, with additional details being posted on to our school website for ease.

Road Safety

Northampton School for Girls takes pride in working very closely with our community to ensure that issues that may affect our local residents are discussed and resolved swiftly and effectively. Unfortunately, at the end of last week I was contacted by local residents informing me of dangerous and inconsiderate parking on Highlands Avenue.

We are a very large school and, therefore, understand that pick up and drop off times are always extremely busy and recognise that most of our parents and carers are sensitive to this, making use of the school car park by Bradlaugh Fields, Morrisons or The Spinney Hill public house on Kettering Road to collect and drop off their children. I am grateful to the many parents who choose to drop off and collect their children in a safe location slightly further away from the school as this significantly eases traffic congestion around the school and locality. However, a very small minority of parents continue to park without any thought for our local residents: parking across drives, on double yellow lines, on the zigzag lines and across pavements. This is illegal and dangerous, posing a significant safety risk to our students that walk to school, as well as to other pedestrians and road users.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents to please pay due care and attention when dropping off your child and collecting them from school to ensure that you do not put others at risk. I know that the majority of our parents and carers are highly supportive in doing so already and that it is the actions of a very small minority of parents that are causing concerns about safety. Nevertheless, these actions reflect on the school as a whole. It is important to our school that positive relations with our local community are sustained and do not diminish due to inconsiderate, dangerous parking.

As always, I am grateful for your continued support and understanding. I am sure you will each agree that the safety of our students is of the utmost importance.

With very best wishes,



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